(b) whether the workers were called to Delhi for talk on their demands, if so, the details of that invitation; and

(c) if not, the justification of the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) With the approval of the competent authority, the employees are entitled to undertake official tours in connection with the company's work. As per information received, the union officials were taken to Delhi on official tour for negotiations on the demands of workers which is related to the working of the company.

(c) Does not arise.

Agreement with fake Union of the Instrumentation Ltd.

4163. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the union with which the agreement was made by the management of Bokaro site of Instrumentation Ltd. for regularisation of the temporary workers was declared fake by the General Secretary; and

(b) if so, the steps taken on that and whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Instrumentation Ltd. (IL) had entered into a tripartite agreement with the All India Instrumentation Ltd. Project Employees Union, Bokaro Branch on 20th June, 1987 in the Office of Joint Labour Commissioner, Government of Bihar who is the appropriate authority to satisfy himself of the bonafides of the parties signing the agreement.

(b) Does not arise.

Investment by Thailand in Andhra Pradesh

4164. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Thailand has shown keen interest for investment in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any agreement has been reached between Indian businessmen and Thailand entrepreneurs;

(c) if so, the industries identified for bilateral cooperation; and

(d) the total investment involved in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) A team of businessmen and farmers led by the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corpn. Ltd. (APIDC) had recently visited Bangkok and held discussions with Thai business groups on the possibility of Investment in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The Thai Business Groups seemed interested in Acqua-culture and food processing industries. Discussions were of exploratory nature and so far no agreement has been reached between Indian Businessmen and Thai entrepreneurs.

Extension of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana to all districts of Andhra Pradesh

4165. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana will be extended to all the districts in Andhra Pradesh in 1994-95;

(b) in how many districts in Andhra Pradesh the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana was implemented in 1993-94;

(c) whether more people will get training under PMRY in 1994-95;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Banks are giving good

cooperation for this productive scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1993-94, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana was implemented in all the 23 Districts of Andhra Pradesh but was in operation only in urban areas of the Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. More people will be trained during 1994-95. During 1994-95, a target of 25,000 beneficiaries has been fixed for Andhra Pradesh. Scheme envisages compulsory training for beneficiaries after their loans are sanctioned.

(e) The Reserve Bank of India have issued suitable guidelines to the banks for extending full cooperation for the scheme. Issues of coordination between state agencies and the banks are being looked into by the Central and State Governments.

Voluntary retirement in Bharat Heavy Plate and Vessels Ltd.

4166. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans of Government with regard to the Public Sector Unit Bharat Heavy Plate and Vessels Limited, Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether a number of employees have sought voluntary retirement;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) how many approvals have been given; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to expedite the implementation of V.R.S. in all public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Bharat Heavy Plate & Vessels Limited (BHPV) is a profit making PSU and has good prospects. The Government helps the Public Sector Undertakings improve their performance.

(b) to (d). Since the year of implementation of th scheme i.e. 1990-91, till March 1994, 64 employees have availed of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).

(e) Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) are to be adopted by the Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) which have redundant manpower. As VRS is essentially voluntary in nature, dissemination of information by a PSU regarding the details of the scheme and circumstances necessitating the implementation of VRS in the said PSU can expedite implementation of VRS.

Judges in Supreme Court and High Courts of Delhi/Guwahati

4167. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts of Delhi and Guwahati stating respective dates of their assuming office and dates of their retirement;

(b) whehter all vacant posts of Judges in the Supreme Court and the said High Courts have been filled up; if not, the number of vacancies in each Court and by when same are likely to be filed up;

(c) what is the present number of cases arising out of orders/judgements of various District Courts before Guwahati High Court, District Court-wise; and

(d) the titles of appeals pending in Supreme Court against judgement/orders of Guwahati High Court during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The particulars of Judges of Supreme Court and High